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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action issued June 12, 2003. The claims under examination are claims 1 and 3 to 15. Applicants respectfully solicit reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in light of the following remarks.

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